

FACILITIES AND OTHER RESOURCES

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

The facilities and resources are available to support investigators' ability to complete proposed research successfully.

University Characteristics

UMass Dartmouth is part of the five-campus University of Massachusetts system. As such, it is [classified](#) as a "R2: Doctoral University – High research activity" institution, and is the only doctoral research university in Massachusetts located south of Boston. The university is a moderate-sized institution with an economically diverse population of approximately 8,500 students. Multiple opportunities exist for undergraduate and graduate student research at the university (e.g., master's theses, undergraduate and graduate independent research projects, honors project theses, experiential research course credit, volunteer experiences, work study).

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

The College of Nursing & Health Sciences was established as the College of Nursing in 1969 when the need for a baccalaureate program in nursing came to the attention of local legislators after a bill was introduced in the state legislature to establish such a program at UMass Dartmouth's predecessor school, Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute. In 2019, the College of Nursing grew to become the College of Nursing & Health Sciences (CNHS) when the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program joined the college as a department.

CNHS offers five undergraduate bachelor of science degrees in nursing and MLS, two of which are offered online, and a master's of science in nursing (MS) degree. The Diversity Nursing Scholars Program is provided for undergraduates to support success and leadership for students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. The college also offers an undergraduate Global Health minor available to all university majors. CNHS also offers articulation plans for undergraduate and MS students to transition to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, and the PhD program. Nurses with MS or doctoral degrees in nursing also can apply to our certificate programs for Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS): Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner or Adult Health/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner to qualify for nurse practitioner certification.

Currently, the College of Nursing & Health Sciences has three departments: adult nursing, community nursing, and medical laboratory science. The Theta Kappa chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing was established in 1986 and has won key awards for its outstanding work in promoting nursing scholarship. The College of Nursing & Health Sciences is invested in supporting student and faculty research. Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Dr. June Andrews Horowitz is an experienced nursing researcher and a fellow of the American Academy of Nurses. She holds regular Lunch and Learn sessions on grant and manuscript writing and is readily available for faculty research consultation.

Office of Research Administration

The Office of Research Administration (ORA) supports all research activities on campus. Within ORA, three research offices provide specialized support. The Office of Research Development provides administrative support to research faculty by facilitating institutional research processes from proposal preparation through grant close-out. A collaborative team effort enhances the efficiency of funding opportunities and development.

The Office of Technology Commercialization and Ventures is responsible for the protection and commercialization of intellectual property arising from research conducted at UMass Dartmouth. The Office of Institutional Ethics and Compliance assists researchers, students, faculty, and staff in navigating the increasingly complex web of regulations, laws, and policies by providing researchers with advice, guidance, training, and education. It serves as the administrative office for the faculty research committees; the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). In addition, it provides training, guidance and education on export controls, research integrity, and responsible conduct of research. The mission is to ensure that all research conducted on campus complies with all applicable laws, regulations, and university policies.

Office

Dr. (insert investigator's name) has private office space located on the UMassD campus. The office, approximately 150 sq ft., is equipped with a computer accessing a multifunction printer and copy machine, as well as storage and locked file cabinet space. Meeting spaces are readily available.

Laboratory Space

A suite of lab space (three smaller labs that are 150 sq. ft. and one larger lab that is 250 sq. ft.) are also readily accessible for video recording. Secure internet is available throughout campus and can be used for data collection sessions. The university supports the use of Qualtrics for online data collection. The Qualtrics platform is considered to be extremely secure.

Computers

Dr. (insert investigator's name) has a university-issued laptop that is replaced every four years. All necessary software (e.g., Microsoft Office, SPSS, Zoom videoconferencing software, etc.) is licensed through the university at no additional cost to the researchers.

Claire T. Carney Library

The university Library provides services and resources in support of all academic programs, research, and intellectual pursuits of the university community. Working closely with faculty, the library staff has developed a strong collection of books, journals, reference works, and databases to meet the ever-increasing needs of undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty/researchers. As the largest academic building on campus, the library has seating for 1,200 people, and is [open](#) seven days a week during the academic year.

The library's online resources and services are available 24/7. The library's web pages serve as a gateway to numerous services and resources including access to databases, interlibrary loan request forms, and links to other online services. The library's [Primo search](#) provides access for locating books and materials within the library. Students, faculty, and researchers use the [Primo journal search](#) to find journals in both paper and electronic formats. The library's [Articles & Databases](#) page provides a list of subject and general databases.